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SUBJECT: MBFR: DISCUSSION WITH SOVIET DELOFF

FEBRUARY 22, 1974

FROM US REP MBFR

1. US REP HAD A BRIEF DISCUSSION WITH SOVIET REP SMIRNOVSKY AT THE RECEPTION AT THE SOVIET EMBASSY ON THE OCCASION OF SOVIET ARMED FORCES DAY ON FEBRUARY 22.

2. SMIRNOVSKY ASKED US REP TO SERIOUSLY CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY THAT A TOKEN NUMBER OF WEST EUROPEAN NATIONAL FORCES SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN A FIRST PHASE. SMIRNOVSKY SAID THAT SUCH A TOKEN NUMBER WOOULD NOT BE OF MILITARY SIGNIFICANCE BUT WOULD BE OF POLITICAL VALUE TO THE SOVIETS IN THAT IT WOULD BE A CONCRETE DEMONSTRATION BY THE WESTERN EUROPEAN PARTICIPANTS THAT THEY INTENDED

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TO REDUCE THEIR FORCES. HE SAID THAT THE SOVIETS WERE

NOT AT ALL SATISFIED WITH THE ASSURANCES ON THIS POINT WHICH THE WEST HAD GIVEN TO DATE.

3. US REP SAID THAT HE FELT HE SHOULD SAY CANDIDLY THAT THIS WOULD BE A VERY DIFFICULT MATTER AND HE COULD SEE NO PROSPECT OF AGREEMENT ON IT. SMIRNOVSKY RESPONDED BY SAYING THAT IT MUST BE APPARENT THAT THE SOVIETS DID NOT LIKE THE PHASING CONCEPT AND THAT A SYMBOLIC INCLUSION OF WEST EUROPEAN NATIONALS WOULD MAKE IT EASIER FOR THEM TO ACCEPT A TWO-PHASE APPROACH.

4. US REP RESPONDED THAT IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE, IF ADEQUATE PROGRESS WERE MADE IN THE NEGOTIATIONS, TO FIND SOME OTHER WAY IN WHICH WEST EUROPEAN WILLINGNESS TO REDUCE COULD BE EVIDENCED.

5. SMIRNOVSKY STRESSED HIS DESIRE THAT HIS SUGGESTION BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT HE HAS MADE IT RECENTLY TO A NUMBER OF OTHER ALLIED REPRESENTATIVES AND THAT KVITSINSKIY ALSO RAISED IT WITH SOME ALLIED REPS PRIOR TO MID-DECEMBER BREAK. HUMES

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